

HOUSE BILL 1934

By Tidwell

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 13 in Perry County in honor of the late Dr. Gordon Turner.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Dr. Gordon Turner, one of Perry County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Dr. Turner, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a physician and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Turner was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Perry County; and

WHEREAS, an activist for the betterment of both his local community and his country, Dr. Turner proudly served this nation during World War II as a medic; and

WHEREAS, the Perry County Commission has petitioned this Body to name a segment of State Route 13 in their county to honor Dr. Turner's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore, BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 13 in Perry County from such route's intersection with State Route 128 at log mile 8.370 northward to its intersection with U.S. Highway 412 (State Route 20 / East Main Street) at log mile 12.530 in the City of Linden is hereby designated the "Dr. Gordon Turner Memorial

Highway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant, a gifted physician, and an even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 13 described in Section 1 as the "Dr. Gordon Turner Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. The appellation "Dr. Gordon Turner Memorial Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this act as the "Dr. Gordon Turner Memorial Highway".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.